

Safety Training How-To
Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

1. **Register with Safe Gatherings** at <https://safegatherings.com/app/registration>.
 - Fill out the online application.
 - Choose Sierra Vista United Methodist Church as your organization.
 - References:
 - One reference will automatically be sent to your senior pastor or the designated person for your organization's account.
 - You will need to provide two additional references:
 - One (1) personal or vocational reference
 - One (1) clergy reference (other than your senior pastor) or another vocational reference.
 - Alert your references and encourage them to watch for an e-mail from Safe Gatherings. The reference will only take 2-3 minutes of their time.
 - Cost is taken care of by the Rio Texas Conference and by Sierra Vista UMC.
 - Make note of the email address and password that you use to register. You will use this to access the Safe Gatherings training.
 - Talk to Kelly if you are also a bus driver (kduke@sierravista.org or 325/656-8068).
 - Need help? Check out the tutorial at this link:
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/54b8639ee4b076c29fb6ae7/t/5994aedd15d5db84358584e7/1502916318378/Safe+Gatherings+Tutorial+-+Rio+Texas+-+July+2017.pdf>.
2. **Complete the Safe Gatherings training course.**
 - This is approximate one-hour presentation of information on safety guidelines and best practices.
 - Using your email and password from registration, you can enter the training at this link: <https://safegatherings.com/>.
 - Persons will take a very straight-forward test at the end of this training. Multiple chances will be given on the test.
 - Hint: If you turn OFF the voice reading to you and read yourself, the training *supposedly* goes faster.
3. **Attend a TRUSTed con Confianza certification facilitated session:** This is a two-hour interactive experience.
 - Step 3 can be taken in one of two ways:
 - Via an online webinar (You do not need a video camera on your computer, but you do need audio, as well as an internet connection.)
 - In person via a scheduled workshop
 - For training dates and times, check out: <https://riotexas.org/safetrainings>.
 - You **MUST** preregister for Step 3 on the Rio Texas Conference website. (Walk-ins for face-to-face trainings are discouraged but not impossible.)